



SENATE JUDICIARY
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Bill No. SS24

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Senator Diane Sands
Montana Senate
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Dear Senator Sands,

I write in support of Senate Joint Resolution No. 24, your request for an interim study on sexual assault in Montana. There are few issues more devastating than sexual assault and from the standpoint of a University President, few issues that can alter the path of a young person's life more profoundly. We must put all of our available resources to work with the goal of eliminating sexual assault from our communities, including our schools at all levels.

As you know, we have taken many steps to address the issue of sexual assault on our campus, including working closely with the United States Department of Justice and the Department of Education. We have developed new educational approaches for men and women, strengthened our policies and practices aimed at reporting sexual assault, and improving our enforcement of the crime. As a result, our campus is safer and we work effectively with local law enforcement to enhance the overall safety of our community.

Upon approval of the interim study, please call upon me to help in any way that I can personally, or by making use of the tremendous expertise at the University. Several of our people have been called upon nationally to provide experience and advice in the matter of sexual assault.

I am grateful for your initiative requesting this interim study. Thank you for all you do for our community and our state.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Royce C. Engstrom".

Royce C. Engstrom
President
University of Montana

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Office of the President

1 **The Associated Students of the University of Montana**

2 **Resolution Regarding LC2246**

3 **March 25, 2015**

4 **SB**

5 **Authored by: Betsy Story, ASUM Senator**

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7 Whereas, the Associated Students of the University of Montana (ASUM) represents the
8 interests of the student body;

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10 Whereas, sexual assault has been an issue of concern for the State of Montana and
11 Montana University System Institutions, particularly regarding criminal proceedings,
12 jurisdiction of federal versus state entities, and preventative strategies geared towards
13 responding adequately to existing sexual assault cases and mitigating future sex crimes in
14 the State of Montana;

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16 Whereas, it is ASUM's obligation to take a stance on this pertinent issue affecting
17 students at the University of Montana;

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19 Therefore, Let It Be Resolved, that ASUM supports the Sexual Assault Interim Study and
20 will commit to continuing conversation regarding implementation of solutions found
21 necessary following conduct of the Sexual Assault Interim Study;

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23 Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, that ASUM tasks the ASUM Lobbyist with
24 advocating for passage of LC2246;

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26 Therefore, Let It Further Be Further Resolved, that this resolution be sent to Harry
27 Haocheng Wang, ASUM Lobbyist.

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29 Passed by Committee:

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31 Passed by ASUM Senate: _____, 2015

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35 Sean McQuillan
36 Chair of the Senate

Brandon Bart
Student Political Action Chair